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1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT PURSUANT TO CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN SYRIAN AND US OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK LAST FALL USG IS OFFERING TWO SCHOLARSHIPS TO SYRIAN DIPLOMATS FOR STUDY IN US, A GESTURE WHICH WE NATURALLY WOULD HOPE MIGHT OPEN WAY FOR EVENTUAL ASSIGNMENT OF US AND SYRIAN DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT CONTACTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE ARE IN VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO THINK SYRIAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING ANY IMMEDIATE STEPS TOWARD EXCHANGE OF INTERESTS SECTIONS. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS THAT WE ARE INFORMING ITALIANS FOR THEIR INFORMATION ONLY AND IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. ROGERS

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